The dangers of media consolidation have become evident in Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the public interest is obliterated by greed. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's decision demonstrates why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a rubber stamp. Thank you for your consideration.